

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Address: 434 North Billerica Road

Historic Name: Cyrus & Jennie Parsons House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: 1907

Source: Deed Research

Style/Form: Queen Anne

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: not visible

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Good

Moved: no ☒ | yes ☐ | **Date** _____

Acreage: 1.77 Acres

Setting: Built in a formerly rural agricultural area that was subdivided in the second half of the 20th century for residential and industrial development near the Billerica Town Line.

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

434 NORTH BILLERICA ROAD

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The two-story house at **434 north Billerica Road** is a square dwelling. The three by two bay dwelling is connected to a one story rear ell. The rear ell connects to a four-car garage. The hip roof of the main house form is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A small hip roof dormer is located on the western slope of the roof. A narrow brick chimney projects from the eastern slope of the roof. The walls are clad with vinyl siding. A screen porch wraps around the west and south elevations. The hip roof of the porch is supported by half-height square columns that rest on a half-walls with a cross bracing detail. The centrally located entrance is flanked by large fixed windows. Additional fenestration includes 1/1 sash windows symmetrically located on all facades.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

According to Assessor's records the house was built c 1912. However deeds indicate that the dwelling was probably built c1907 when Cyrus W parsons deed part of the McDonnell homestead and farm to Judson Parsons. Alexander McDonnell purchased the 55-acre farm in 1853. In 1883 Katie and Katherine McDonnell sold the McDonnell farm to Cyrus Parsons. Cyrus was a milk dealer and operated a team of horses for delivery. In 1890 Property Valuation records indicate that Cyrus owned: a house, barn, 55-acre McDonnell lot, 32 cows, a bull, 9 horses, and a carriage. In the early 20th century Cyrus also worked as an excavation, grading, and road building contractor. In 1895 Cyrus parsons married Jennie French.

In 1907 Cyrus Parsons deeded the house at 386 North Billerica Road (TEW>XXX) to Judson & Mary Parsons. Cyrus built a new house at 434 North Billerica Road (TEW.XXX) that same year. Jennie [French] Parsons inherited a portion of land in West Tewksbury in the early 1890s from her father EB French and deeded it to her husband in 1918.

In 1920 Cyrus Parsons sold the house to Karl Heindrich Sr. Karl, like Cyrus was also a dairy farmer and his farm was known as the "Heidenrich Dairy Farm".

Additional owners: Karl [Carl] Heindrich Sr (1920); his son, Frank Heindrich (1967); Mary & Karl Heidenrich Jr (1968-1989); and Patricia & Carl W Foster Jr (1989-2009).

Carl was married to his wife Otilie, had a poultry farm (1931), and served on the Finance Committee for the Town (1942). His sons Karl Jr and Frank were farm laborers. Frank married his wife Margaret, worked on the family farm (1957) and lived at 444 North Billerica Road. Karl Jr married his wife Mary, worked on the family farm and lived a 436 North Billerica Road.

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